

# Writingmatrix: Engaging collaborative writing through social networking

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*Abstract:* This presentation explains aggregation, tagging, and RSS with respect to filtering content online and describes how these were applied in a worldwide collaboration project involving student bloggers tagging their posts 'writingmatrix' and then using Technorati and Del.icio.us to identify each other's posts and explore mutual interests through social bookmarking.

## **Bibliography of web artifacts associate with Writingmatrix**

The Writingmatrix collaborative wiki: <http://writingmatrix.wikispaces.com>

Vance blogged all he had learned about students finding each other through blog tags here: Stevens, V. (2008). All I know about Blogging and Microblogging. AdVancEducation. Retrieved March 14, 2008 from:

<http://advancededucation.blogspot.com/2008/02/all-i-know-about-blogging-and.html>

Vance was an invited guest on a Webcast entitled "Is the Internet Enough? A Dialogue with Vance Stevens" hosted by Paul Allison, with Susan Ettenheim and Lee Baber, on **Wed Dec 5**, broadcast over the Worldbridges Network <http://www.edtechtalk.com> at 9 p.m. EST or 2 a.m. GMT **Thu Dec 6**. Paul's edit of our interview is here: <http://teachersteachingteachers.org/?p=145>. I put the original recording at my podcast site: [http://vance\\_stevens.podomatic.com/entry/2007-12-11T19\\_13\\_45-08\\_00](http://vance_stevens.podomatic.com/entry/2007-12-11T19_13_45-08_00)

Vance was invited to be a Featured Speaker at GloCALL 2007, Globalization and Localization in CALL, at Hanoi University, November 2-4, 2007, <http://www.glocall.org/> for November 3, 2007 - 16:45-17:20 (session 81), *title:* New Age CALL: Syndication, aggregation, and mashup of content on the Web – *Slide show:* [http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ddkc6v4f\\_40cvxvjm](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ddkc6v4f_40cvxvjm)

In October 2007 the Writingmatrix group Vance Stevens, Nelba Quintana, Doris Molero, Saša Sirk, and Rita Zeinstejer presented "Motivating Student Writers by Fostering Collaboration through Tagging and Aggregating" at the K-12 Online Conference "Playing with Boundaries," (presenters listed here: <http://k12onlineconference.org/?p=100>).

- The 2007 K12 Online Conference listing: <http://k12onlineconference.org/?p=162>
- A presentation teaser (5 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHjICY0BCNo>

- iPod ready [http://k12online.wm.edu/writing\\_matrix.mp4](http://k12online.wm.edu/writing_matrix.mp4) (38:02 Run Time; mpeg4, 76.6 MB)
- Original [http://k12online.wm.edu/writing\\_matrix.wmv](http://k12online.wm.edu/writing_matrix.wmv) (38:00 Run Time; wmv, 8.2MB - *haven't checked, but I think they may have the file sizes reversed on these two*)
- Audio only podcast version: [http://k12online.wm.edu/writing\\_matrix.mp3](http://k12online.wm.edu/writing_matrix.mp3) (38:01 Run Time; mp3, 34.9 MB)

Wesley Fryer left this comment at our conference presentation node

<http://k12onlineconference.org/?p=162>: "Wow, what a GREAT presentation on so many levels. This was the best example of a "blended" presentation I've ever seen," and he followed up with a podcast at <http://wesleypd.blogspot.com/2007/10/pd-reflection-on-motivating-student.html>. Along the lines of our presentation, more content related to the conference can be aggregated at <http://www.technorati.com/posts/tag/k12online07>.

Vance was invited to teach a short course on writing on the Internet **11th-13th July** during the XXVI Summer Courses of the University of the Basque Country in San Sebastian, Spain. I instigated a writing project described here: <http://www.vancestevens.com/writing.htm>.

At the Webheads in Action Online Convergence **May 18-20, 2007**. <http://wiaoc.org>, with archived presentation details at <http://schedule.wiaoc.org> and <http://www.webheadsinaction.org/wiaoc2007>; recordings linked from <http://streamarchives.net/>, Vance Stevens, Nelba Quintana, Rita Zeinstejer, Doris Molero, and Sasha Sirk gave a presentation entitled *Writingmatrix: CONNECTing students with blogs, tags, and social networking*

- Vance's slides: <http://www.slideshare.net/vances/vance-writingmatrix-wiaoc2007/>
- Other contributions posted at <http://webheadsinaction.org/node/174>. A
- Audio recording: <http://streamarchives.net/node/48> and the
- Elluminate recording: <https://sas.illuminate.com/p.jnlp?psid=2007-05-18.0447.M.FF88B318415986DF118835E10F8CB7.vcr>

Vance Stevens (on site in Abu Dhabi) and Rita Zeinstejer (online from Argentina) presented a 2-hour workshop on *Writing in a flat world: better blogging through social networking* at the TTTT (TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi chapter Tactile Tasks and Technical Tips 5 <http://ilearn.20m.com/news/newevents.htm>) at the Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi on **April 21, 2007**

- It featured what we were learning about Writingmatrix - <http://writingmatrix.wikispaces.com>
- The Elluminate recording is here: <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/play.jnlp?psid=2007-04-21.0050.M.7AE801FFB697DA460D4BF25AA8C21B.vcr>.
- The slides are here: <http://www.slideshare.net/vances/writing-in-a-flat-world-bettervblogging-through-social-networking/>

Technorati search on Writingmatrix: <http://technorati.com/search/writingmatrix?authority=n&language=en>

Pageflakes on Writingmatrix: <http://www.pageflakes.com/vancestevens/13487192/>